

GOD OWNS IT ALL

“The Touch of Elisha’s Bones

2 Kings 2:9–11; 13:20, 21

Part II”

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The Bible summarizes
it this way:

“Moreover it is required in
stewards that they be
found faithful.”

2 Kings 2:9–11

And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

2 Kings 2:9–11

And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

2 Kings 2:9–11

And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Who The Holy Spirit Is

- The third person of the Godhead 1 John 5:7
- He is a person. John 16:13
- He is God. Matthew 28:19
- He has been with humanity from our creation. Genesis 1:2

In the Old Testament the Holy Spirit mainly appears as an activating empowering agency. Here are some sample texts:

- Exodus 31:1–3
- Numbers 11:25
- Judges 3:10 (Othniel);
6:34 (Gideon); 14:6 (Samson)

2 Kings 2:12–15

And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2:12–15

He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;

2 Kings 2:12–15

And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

2 Kings 2:12–15

And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

**“We cannot use the
Holy Spirit. The
Spirit is to use us.”
(Desire of Ages, 672)**

Joel 2:23

Be glad then, ye children of Zion,
and rejoice in the LORD your God:
for he hath given you the former
rain moderately, and he will cause
to come down for you the rain,
the former rain, and the latter rain
in the first month.

Joel 2:28–31

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joel 2:28–31

And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.

Luke 21:25

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Revelation 6:12

And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Jesus Likened the Holy Spirit to Water -- John 7:37-39

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 7:37–39

(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 3:6–9

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

John 3:6–9

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

“Little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ...Suddenly, as the Spirit comes with more direct appeal, the soul gladly surrenders itself to Jesus. By many this is called sudden conversion; but it is the result of long wooing by the Spirit of God,—a patient protracted process.

(Ibid., 172)

Early Rain Manifests Itself

- He directs. Isaiah 30:21
- He convicts. John 16:8
- He teaches us truth. John 16:13
- He helps us remember the truth. John 14:26
- He gives a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:17
- He bestows gifts in the church.
1 Corinthians 12:7
- He literally becomes our strength to live and submit to God daily. Romans 8:1–5;
1 Corinthians 15:31

“It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought by the world’s Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. Christ has given us His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.” (Desire of Ages, 671)

**“We cannot even repent
without the aid of the
Spirit of God.”**

(Ibid., 175)

**“Ask ye of the Lord rain in
the time of the latter rain;
so the lord will make
bright clouds, and give
them showers of rain, to
everyone grass in the
field.” (verse 1)**

The Newborn Christian

I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live; yet not I, but
Christ liveth in me: and the life
which I now live in the flesh I live
by the faith of the Son of God,
who loved me, and gave himself
for me.

Galatians 2:20

Romans 6:1–8

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Romans 6:1–8

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

Romans 6:1–8

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

For he that is dead is freed from sin.

Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power,
after that the Holy Ghost is
come upon you: and ye
shall be witnesses unto me
both in Jerusalem, and in all
Judaea, and in Samaria, and
unto the uttermost part of
the earth.

“The Holy Spirit is the breath of Spiritual life in the soul. The impartation of the Spirit is the impartation of the life of Christ ...Only those who are thus taught of God, those who possess the inward working of the Spirit, and in whose life the Christ-life is manifested, are to stand as representative men, to minister in behalf of the church.”

(Ibid., 805)

“There is *no limit* to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit on his heart and lives a life wholly consecrated to God.”

(Ibid., 250, 251)

2 Kings 13:14–19

Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.

2 Kings 13:14-19

And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows.

And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands.

2 Kings 13:14–19

And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them.

2 Kings 13:14–19

And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed.

And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

**“These all continued
with one accord in
prayer and
supplication...”**

(verse 14, first part)

“The Spirit of God works
upon man’s heart,
*according to his desire
and consent* implanting
in him a new nature.”

(Christ Object Lessons, 411)

“If we do not place ourselves in *an attitude to receive both the former and the latter rain*, we will lose our souls, and the responsibility will lie at our own door.”

(Testimonies to Ministers, 507, 508)

“Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a *revival of primitive godliness* as has not been witnessed since apostolic times...

(Great Controversy, p.464)

1. To feel the need and pray for it.
Receiving the Spirit of God must be
THE priority in your life! -- Acts 1:4

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

2. To Experience First the Early Rain -- John 3:3-6

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

“We can be sure that when the Holy Spirit is poured out *those who did not receive and appreciate the early rain will not see or understand the value of the latter rain.*”

(Testimonies to Ministers, p.399)

3. To Be Willingly Used and
Guided by the Spirit -- Acts 1:5

For John truly baptized
with water; but ye
shall be baptized with
the Holy Ghost not
many days hence.

4. To Eliminate Dissensions and Misunderstandings -- Acts 2:1

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

5. To Surrender Self -- Acts 1:14

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

6. To Hunger for the Mission of Christ -- Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power,
after that the Holy Ghost is
come upon you: and ye
shall be witnesses unto me
both in Jerusalem, and in all
Judaea, and in Samaria, and
unto the uttermost part of
the earth.

**“The Holy Spirit will
come to all who are
begging for the bread
of life to give to their
neighbors.”**

(Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 59)

“Before the day of Pentecost they met together, and put away all differences. They were of one accord. They believed Christ’s promise that the blessing would be given and they prayed in faith. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely; they were weighed down the burden for the salvation of souls.”

(Desire of Ages, 827)